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GREENWOOD

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Mayor Charles E. Henderson

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Greenwood, IN 46142

Spring/Summer 2004

Excerpts from . . .

MAYOR HENDERSON'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - JANUARY 23, 2004



The 2004 Ernie Mishler Award, sponsored by the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce was presented to Sharon Acton for outstanding community service. Mayor Henderson had the privilege of announcing this year's recipient and commented that "she has always stepped forward when needed to serve her community." One of her shining accomplishments was her part in establishing Leadership Johnson

County. Ms. Acton's impressive business career with Public Service of Indiana (currently Cinergy) is noteworthy as she was one of the first female managers and eventually became the manager of all Johnson County offices. Through her professional and service commitments, she has served her community well.

The theme of Mayor Henderson's speech was centered on a look back at the exciting events that have happened in the last eight years to use as a barometer of things to come. He stated that Greenwood is a city of great potential and stressed the need to recognize and utilize that potential each year.

The mayor began with a look back to 1997 when the old Morehead building at Washington and Main Street was torn down and a beautiful Children's Park was built. This had been an eyesore for years. The location of the old City Building at 335 South Madison Avenue had been torn down years ago and the parking lot was gravel. The parking lot was asphalted, curbing and lighting was installed for parking and use by the library.

The last ordinance passed by the City Council in 1996 established a sewer availability fee. This was somewhat controversial with the builders and developers at first, but it provided the opportunity to generate funds without raising the tax rate.

1996 was the beginning of the *Flags for Greenwood*. John and Linda Gibson started that program and it is still going strong. Greenwood flies the American Flag proudly up and down our main thoroughfares thanks to their continuing efforts.

In 1996-1997, American Industrial Corporation came to town and they are still going strong in South Park on the east side.

With the agreement of City Council, we put into place the first TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district on the east side to encourage development. That was in 1997 and two major companies, the Quadrangle Group and the Lauth Group, are doing business in that area.

In 1997-1998, a city-wide traffic study was conducted to determine what kind of traffic problems may result in the future and how to effectively plan for growth. The Planning Department uses this study frequently.

In 1998, a special census was conducted that generated nearly a half million dollars of extra income that helped keep the tax rate low. That same year, a fuel farm was opened at the airport to generate more revenue by selling fuel.

1998 also saw a storm warning system put into place with 6 sirens strategically placed throughout the city. This had concerned residents for many years.

During the 1998-1999 year, Mayor Henderson served as President of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. The benefit to the city was great as he became very familiar with how state legislators work and made many friends for the city.

A new terminal building was opened at the airport in 1999 which further added to the utility of the airport. Many compliments were received as a result of that undertaking.

The year 2000 became the "year of the employee." Mayor Henderson, with City Council approval, compensated city employees with benefits and salaries that were competitive with the private sector and other governmental entities. That same year, Madison Avenue was being rebuilt and the small businessmen in old town were struggling. Recently, the Mayor and Gail Richards, Director of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce had a conversation about how to energize "our downtown". They plan to put together a program to partner with the small merchants.

In 2000, Mayor Henderson was a member of a policy committee formed to look at a statewide communication system at the request of the Governor. The state laid out a program and then Johnson County police and fire agencies collectively met together. As a result of cooperation, the Johnson County agencies became the first on the statewide communication system. The U.S. Justice Department was so impressed that by 2001, the Mayor was asked to travel to Tennessee, Texas and other states to speak on the system.

Among other projects in place was a contract signed with the Army Corps of Engineers to take all of Old Greenwood off of the flood plain. That study is not finished yet, but promises to lower insurance rates when completed.

STATE OF THE CITY

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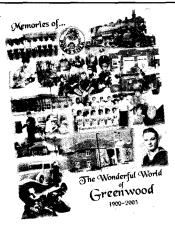
Another big event was the building of the Amphitheater. A group of business people came together and raised the money. They asked to build it on park land. After approval of the Park Board, the City Council approved the plan. This project proved to be a great asset to our community.

The Mayor spoke of the past as a directional sign, instead of a signpost. Quality growth of commercial and industrial has kept city government from raising taxes while improving on city services. Less funding from the State provides a challenge, but firms the commitment to provide a level of services that the citizens are used to.

"We have a great community. We are moving that community forward and we are partnering with so many to get the job done."

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!





Memories of the Wonderful World of Greenwood 1900 - 2003

Eight months have passed since *Memories of The Wonderful World of Greenwood* was released to the public for sale. Public interest has been tremendous and we are well into the second printing of the book.

Efforts are presently concentrated on promoting the book to those that have not heard about it. Plans are in place to team up with the Greenwood High School Alumni Association to include information on the book in their Spring newsletter. An event during the Independence Day Celebration is also in the planning stages.

We invite all interested history enthusiasts to visit the city web site at http://www.cityofgreenwood.com to view a biography on the book. Books may be purchased for \$30.00 at the Greenwood City Building, Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Museum.

D.A.R.E. Can Show

D.A.R.E Car Show June 26, 2004

The Greenwood Police Department is hosting the D.A.R.E. Car Show on June 26, 2004 at 186 Surina Way. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per car. You will get a dash plaque. A free T-Shirt to the first 60 entries. It will be an open class car show. "The Cluster Busters Car Club" will be doing the judging. Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Thirty trophies will be awarded. Door Prizes given away hourly. For further information contact Bob Dine, Greenwood Police Department, 882-9191.

Greenwood Senior Citizen's Center

550C Polk Avenue, 882-4810

Annual Spring Crafts & Gifts Show at Greenwood High School

Saturday, March 13th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 882-4810 for info. Annual Senior Expo in August. Call for more details.

Trips Available

History Mystery, Surprise City, USA

Thursday, April 1, 2004; Cost \$85 per person.

Cincinnati Flower Show "Cruise into Spring", Cincinnati area

Wednesday, April 21, 2004; Cost \$106 per person

Guided Tour of Chicago – Art Institute, Tommy Gun's Dinner Theatre, Lake Michigan Cruise and Harrah's Casino in Joliet, IL.

Monday, May 3 – Wednesday, May 5, 2004; \$279 per person

"Kiss Me Kate" and More, Warsaw, Indiana

Thursday, June 10, 2004; Cost \$87 per person

Culinary Delights: Chicago Style

Wednesday, June 16, 2004; Cost \$117 per person

Echoes of a Distant Past

Tuesday, July 13, 2004; Cost \$97 per person

Cruisin' Chicago - Magnificent Gardens & Skyline

Thursday, July 29, 2004; Cost \$119 per person

"Blue Bag" Mystery Trip

Wednesday, August 4, 2004; Cost \$85 per person

WWII On the Home Front

Wednesday, August 18, 2004; Cost \$96 per person

How Do They Do That? Columbus, Ohio

Tuesday, September 14, 2004; Cost \$91 per person

History in the Heartland

Wednesday, September 29, 2004; Cost \$89 per person

Spires and Schnitzel

Tuesday, October 12, 2004; Cost \$88 per person

Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous

Featuring Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years

Friday, November 19, 2004; Cost \$129 per person

History of...

GREENWOOD AIR TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that the town of Greenwood had two airports in the 1940's?

In December of 1945, Ken Gariott and Dick Griffith opened the White Cloud Airport, located west of Averitt Road on the south side of Smith Valley Road. By December of 1946, Ray Wheatcraft, with brothers Ed and Bill started the Wheatcraft Airport. The airport was located on the Wheatcraft family farm at 749 East County Line Road at the northeast edge of the town limits.

Soon the Wheatcraft brothers were building hangars for sheltering planes at both the White Cloud and Wheatcraft airports. The landing strips at both airports were nothing more than a mowed grass strip. Runway lights were made from Ball Brothers fruit jars. The light bulbs were placed under the jars that were encased in sheet metal cones and positioned on both sides of the landing strip. This set-up worked well, although little night flying was done.

With no air traffic control, pilots identified their location by the name on a town's water tower. Then maps were used to verify direction. Directional arrows were often placed in high places pointing to a nearby airport. Raymond Wheatcraft placed such a sign on top of the Community House (City Building) pointing to the Wheatcraft Airport. Beacon lights for night flying were placed every twenty miles on the routes of pilots who carried the U.S. Mail. Other pilots often made use of these markings.



Wheatcraft Brothers...Ed, Ray and Bill ...All pilots.

Raymond Wheatcraft's first plane was a PT19 (Piper

Trainer Model 19) It was a two canopy open cockpit plane where the pilot and passenger would sit in front or back of each other on their parachutes. The controls could be operated from either position. Communication between pilot and passenger was limited to yelling over the noise of the engine as there was no radio.

In the late 1940's, the White Cloud Airport was closed. In the early 1960's, the Wheatcraft Airport was sold to Ernest Hough and Orville Horton and renamed the Skyway Airport. In

1986, the airport was sold again to the City of Greenwood and renamed the Greenwood Municipal Airport.

Today, the public can take a glance at aviation

history at the Greenwood Municipal Airport. Some of the Wheatcraft hangers of the 1940's are still in place.

Lee Shafer has restored an Army Air Force #43-25949, Taylorcraft model L2M to its original olive drab color. Different models of this type of plane were used for pilot training and as observation planes in World War II.



Greenwood Airport - 2003

Harry Clark has a 1940 British Dehavilland Tiger Moth that is silver in color with yellow stripes on the top two wings and yellow stripes on the bottom two wings with British markings. The stripe indicates a trainer plane. Flying open cockpit planes in the winter months was a challenge for the pilots who dressed in fur clothing.

Roger Newman owns a 1943 Stearman PT17 biplane trainer with two sets of wings. The Navy plane has the World War II squadron #424 painted on the fuselage. All pilots received training in open cockpit planes and later trained in larger planes, such as fighters and bombers.



A good time to visit these points of aviation history and talk with the owner/pilot of each refurbished plane is during the yearly Airport Appreciation Day.

To the Wheatcraft Family, plane owner/pilots, Lee Shafer, Harry Clark and Roger Newman: *THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES*.

Greenwood High School Alumni Association

The Greenwood High School Alumni Association will be hosting its annual Golf outing and banquet on July 10, 2004 at the Valle Vista Country Club. Tee time will be 10:00 A.M. and the banquet and social hour will start at 6:00 P.M. Music will be provided by Greenwood graduates and induction for the *Wall of Fame* will also take place. For any further information contact Bob Dine at diner@cityof greenwood.com.

Greenwood Public Library

Book Sale

In conjunction with the Independence Day celebration, the Greenwood Public Library will be holding a book sale.



June 24, 25 & 26.

Stop in and get some great buys!

Johnson County Solid Waste Management District

Johnson County 8th Annual Spring Cleanup Day

The 8th annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held at the Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds in Franklin on Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For a low fee (depending on the item and the quantity) residents can drop off tires, appliances, household hazardous waste, computers, and reusable items for Goodwill.



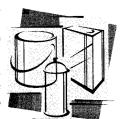
Greenwood Battery Recycling Locations

Recycle nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), lithium or lithium ion (Li or Li-ion), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), lead (Pb) under 2 pounds, silver oxide and button batteries at the following Greenwood locations: Greenwood City Building, Greenwood Community Center, Batteries Plus, Dannemiller True Value, White River Library, Target (in electronics

depart.), and all Center Grove schools.

Household Hazardous Waste

To dispose of hazardous products (such as paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals), attend Spring Cleanup Day (see info above.) If you are unable to bring your items to Spring Cleanup Day, call the Johnson County SWMD at 738-2546. Please have specific information on what you have to dispose of, such as product names,



quantity, and number of containers. We will send you a free disposal voucher, map, and hours of operations of the Tox-Drop facility located north of Greenwood.

Greenwood Sanitation Department

New Billing System Up and Running in Sanitation Business Office

Last December customers of Greenwood Sanitation began receiving new billing statement forms with mail-back coupons and return envelopes. These new statements are the visible results of a software conversion project that started in July 2003, and was completed in early October. Staff then ran the old and new systems "parallel" for nearly two months. Since December we have been solely on the new system.

Bills mailed in by customers now go to a new post office box and are processed by a local bank. Payments are posted electronically on a daily basis.

Our next two service improvements will be to: 1) install scanning equipment in the office to more efficiently process payments and update account records for payments from the night deposit box and from walk-in customers; 2) provide for customers to pay by automatic draws on their bank account, rather than write checks, if they wish. These services should be available by mid-year.

The office staff is to be commended for a job well-done. They went beyond the call of duty and handled a very demanding and stressful conversion period, working day and night for several weeks to get the job done.

Greenwood Municipal Airport

EAA Chapter 1354 "Johnson County Aviators"

Greenwood Municipal Airport, located at 799 E. County Line Road, Greenwood, IN 46143; (317) 881-0887 is the site for the Experimental Aircraft Association's Chapter 1354 "Young Eagles Flight Program". The Chapter's goal is to introduce kid's ages 7 through 17 years old to the exciting world of aviation with a **FREE airplane ride**. This program is open to Scout Leaders, Youth Directors...kids programs of any kind!!! Call the Greenwood Airport and leave a message for Roger Tomey or email rdtomey@indy.net with the group leader's name, telephone number, and date to fly. All flights must be scheduled on week-ends and are as weather permits "status".

Please feel free to inquire about EAA chapter 1354's other educational programs or stop by the Greenwood Airport for more information.

The Chapter will be offering a FREE "Aviation Ground School" course for kids ages 13 through 17 years old.

The course starts this summer and is held on



Parks & Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt

Kids ages 2-10 can bring their Easter basket to collect fun-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny at Craig Park on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

City Pool Opens May 22!



Swimming Lessons Registration

Registration for summer swimming lessons begins May 10 at the Community Center. Four sessions will be offered this season:

Session 1 June 7-10 & 14-17 Session 2 June 21-24 & 28-July 1 Session 3 July 5-8 & 12-15 Session 4 July 19-22 & 26-29

Class times are 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am or 5:15pm. Registration fee is \$24/city-residents or \$40/non city-residents.

Independence Day Celebration - June 26th

The City Fireworks Celebration will be held @ Craig Park on Saturday, June 26th. Many activities and events are planned for this year's event including the Downtown Merchant's Association Street Fair, Parade, Food Booths, Kids Activities, Live Band, Community Band Concert (held on Friday, June 25th) and a spectacular fireworks show! For additional information call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545.

City Fireworks Celebration

Food Booth Information

Any groups interested in a food booth should contact Chip Orner, Director of Recreation @ the Parks & Recreation Department, 881-4545.

City Parks Open May 1st

All city parks will observe summer hours from May 1 – October 31. These hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. We encourage you to enjoy your beautiful park facilities located throughout the city. For additional park information, contact Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545.



Shelter/Gazebo Rental Information

City residents may reserve shelters & gazebos for special occasions by coming to the Parks & Recreation Department Office @ 100 Surina Way. Shelters are \$40/day and Gazebos are \$30/day.

Breakfast Club Information

Join us each month at the Greenwood Community Center for Breakfast Club! Breakfast is provided by Bob Evans Restaurant and prepared by the Parks & Recreation Staff. Reserve your spot by calling the Community Center, 881-4545. Cost is \$2 per person. Breakfast Club will be held: March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9 & August 6, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Community Center Membership Information

Have you purchased your membership to the Community Center yet? Now is the time to Join the FUN!

Family Pass	City-Resident	\$125/year
Children (under 8)	City-Resident	FREE
Youth (8-17)	City-Resident	\$25/year
Adult (18-54)	City-Resident	\$50/year
Senior (55+)	City-Resident	\$25/year
Daily Admission	City-Resident	\$2/day

*Call the Community Center for non city-resident rates. Multi-Facility Memberships are also available.

Community Center Operating Hours

Monday-Thursday	6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Employment Opportunities

Greenwood Parks & Recreation
Department is accepting applications
for several seasonal positions. We offer
competitive pay, team-oriented
atmosphere & an opportunity to work
outdoors this summer! We need: Pool



Managers, Lifeguards, Concessions Stand Attendants, Concessions Supervisor, Pool Cashiers, Summer Camp Coordinators, Summer Camp Counselors, Adult Softball Supervisors, Youth Soccer Supervisors, Tennis Instructors, Summer Park Maintenance and Aerobics Instructors. Applications are available at our Human Resources Department 887-5604.

Spring Break Activities

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to the Community Center for an action packed week of FUN during Spring Break, March 29-April 2. Kids must be members of the Community Center or pay the daily fee. Activities & events will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day! Lunch from local restaurants will be available for \$2 each day.

Kick off the Summer Picnic

Start your summer off right – with a Picnic in the park. Kids of all ages are invited to Craig Park on Friday, May 21st starting

@ 12:00 noon for loads of Fun and kick off the summer picnic! All activities are FREE! Reserve your spot by calling Parks & Recreation @

881-4545 by Friday, May 14.

Parks & Recreation

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Hershey Track & Field Meet

Hershey Track & Field is sponsored by the Hershey Candy Company, Indiana Park & Recreation Association & Greenwood Parks & Recreation. Our local meet will be held at the Greenwood High School Track on Wednesday, June 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Top two winners in each event advance to the State Meet held in July. Call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545 for details.

City Tennis Tournaments

Register for city tennis tournaments at the Community Center. Tennis lessons & leagues are also available during the summer. Call Parks & Recreation @ 881-4545 for sessions and times.

Indiana Eye Clinic "Eye Opener" Tournament	. May 14-16
Fifth-Third Bank USTA Open	. May 28-30
Kent Kinnear Classic USTA Open	June 18-20
Raymond James USTA Open	. July 6-8
South Central Indiana USTA Open	. July 22-24

Old Towne Greenwood Association

The Old Towne Greenwood Association was founded in 1995 by a group of Greenwood residents and merchants whose members are dedicated to enhancing the beauty and preserving the ambiance of the Old Town area of Greenwood. OTGA is an avid booster of all things Greenwood!

It is easy to become a member of OTGA; dues are \$10 per year for residences or \$30 per year for businesses. The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations. OTGA sponsors great events: Independence Day Street Fair (in conjunction with the City's fireworks Fourth of July celebrations), Farmer's Market (local farmers/vendors selling produce running from August through October), Geranium Sale (around Mother's Day each year), Greenwood-A-Glow (a Christmas celebration including horsedrawn carriage rides, photos with Santa and more the Saturday before Thanksgiving), and the Community Garage Sale (around Labor Day). Members and Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Alison Randolph, President, OTGA, P.O. Box 1346, Greenwood, IN 46142 or call 294-3272 for more information.

Greenwood Street Department

LIMB PICK-UP PROGRAM

The City is implementing an additional opportunity in the Limb Pickup program, which will be a drop off point for tree limbs. The City will continue to pick up tree limbs from the curb line of

Greenwood City residents.

The drop off site will be located on Fry Road next to Fire Station #2. This site will be available to Greenwood City Residents only!

Residents will be required to show proof of residency such as personal identification and a utility bill or other reasonable means of proof.

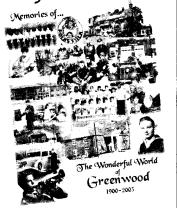
Limb debris dropped off must not exceed 6 inches in diameter - same requirements as the limb-pickup program. The drop site will open starting April 5th from

10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. This will continue until October 30th.

Limb pickup from the <u>curb line</u> will officially start April 5th.

Memories of the Wonderful World of Greenwood

Great Gift Idea \$**30.0**0



Books may be purchased at the Greenwood City Building, Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Museum.

Greater Greenwood Community Band

2004 CONCERT SCHEDULE

	Date	Time	Location
Spring Concert	Sun., April 25	4:00 p.m.	Greenwood High School Auditorium
Park Concert	Sun., June 6	7:00p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun., June 20	7:00 p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
The 4th Concert	Fri., June 25	7:00 p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun., July 11	7:00 p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Irvington Concert	Sat., July 17	7:00 p.m.	Ir ving Circle Park, Indianapolis
Noblesville Concert	Sun., July 25	6:30 p.m.	Seminary Park, Noblesville
Park Concert	Sun., Aug. 8	7:00 p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Park Concert	Sun., Aug. 22	7:00 p.m.	Music Pavilion, Surina Square
Fall Concert	Sun., Oct. 24	4:00 p.m.	Greenwood High School Auditorium
Christmas Concert	Sun., Dec. 12	4:00 p.m.	Greenwood High School Auditorium

The Greater Greenwood Community Band is looking forward to our 2004 series of park concerts. We have again accepted two invitations to perform out of town. One at Irving Park in old town Irvington at the intersection of Audubon and University. The second in Seminary Park in Noblesville. We are pleased to represent the City of Greenwood on these two occasions.

The Band will also "Fire-off" The Independence Day Celebration weekend with a concert at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 25th.

We have planned several entertainment features this year along with some good old "Town Band" music.

Please bring your lawn chairs or blanket and join us in our park concert in the Amphitheater at Surina Square.

Your City Services

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Emergencies
Mayor's Office
Police Department
Fire Department
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Sanitation and Street Dept
• Legal matters involving the city and its elected and appointed officials.
Human Resources 887-5604 • Employment
City Engineer
City Court
Information Technology
Planning Department 881-8698

City Building - 2 N. Madison Ave.

building inspections, economic development.

• Building and sign permits, zoning information, subdivision plats,

floodplain information, plan commission, board of zoning appeals,

Sanitation & Trash Billing Office 887-5232 City Building - 2 N. Madison Ave. • Start up and billing for sanitation and trash services, purchase extra trash stickers. Trash and recycling inquiries. **Vehicle Maintenance......887-5609** Surina Square - 367 S. Washington · City vehicle maintenance. Republic Services

of Indiana1-800-234-6881

· City contracted trash pickup and recycling.

Community Center,

Parks and Recreation 881-4545

Surina Square - 100 Surina Way

• Recreational activities, shelter house rentals, parks information (Craig Park, Westside Park, Old City Park, Northeast Park, Pool Park, Summerfield Park, Trails Park, Woodmen Park, Northwest Park, Children's Garden Park).

> Important Note from Republic Service of Indiana

To help prevent loose trash from blowing out of the trucks into yards and streets, please always put trash in closed trash bags.

Scheduled Holidays for Trash Pick Up for the remainder of this year

Memorial Day 4th of July Labor Day **Christmas Day** Thanksgiving Day

If your trash/recycle pick up falls on or after the Holiday - your pickup will be the next day. EXAMPLE: Memorial Day falls on Monday, so the entire week will be picked up one day later. Thanksgiving falls on Thursday so only Thursday and Friday pickup will be affected and will be picked up the next day.



2004 Heavy Trash Pick Up Dates for the weeks of:

March 22 • April 26 • May 24 • June 21 July 26 • August 23 • September 20 • October 25 November 22 • December 27

Our Town Greenwood

Charles E. Henderson, Mayor CITY OF GREENWOOD 2 N. Madison Ave. Greenwood, IN 46142

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City of Greenwood Officials

City Council Members:

John Gibson, 1st District Ron Deer, 2nd District Bruce Armstrong, 3rd District Ron Bates, 4th District Keith Hardin, 5th District William Bless, At Large Jessie Reed, At Large, President

Clerk Treasurer: Jeannine Myers

City Judge: Lewis Gregory

Board of Public Works & Safety:

Charles E. Henderson Warren E. Beville Kevin Hoover

Flags for Greenwood

Looking forward to SPRING and the return of the American flags flying above our city streets. Definitely seems more inviting than all the snow we have been shoveling these past few days. It's hard to believe (thanks to you) that we have just finished our eighth year!

In 1996 Greenwood citizens, friends and businesses joined together and raised funds to purchase American flags to be secured to utility poles on our city streets. Initially Flags for Greenwood (FFG) started with 250 flags. The people of Greenwood have so enthusiastically supported this project that we now are fortunate to have over 900 flags proudly displaying their patriotic red, white and blue.

Through FFG, our city has demonstrated their patriotic values to the envy of other communities. This is an expression of appreciation for those who have fought for our freedom and love of our country. Our flags start flying the week prior to Memorial Day, and remain up until after July 4th. They are again installed the week prior to Labor Day and retired the following week.

All of the flags will need to be replaced by the end of this year, due to deterioration from the weather. So far, we have raised about half of the needed \$12,000 for this. FFG continues to accept donations of cash, stocks and securities and has a 501 (c) (3) not for profit status, allowing contributions to be tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to "Flags for Greenwood" and mailed to: Flags for Greenwood, National City Bank, 300 S. Madison Avenue, Greenwood, IN 46142. We realize some may not be able

to give as much as others, and that's okay...gifts in any amount will be greatly appreciated. With the support and efforts of the community, we can continue to dress Greenwood streets in the red, white and blue.

We continuously need funds to keep the flags flying, as well as trying to establish an endowment fund to protect our "Avenue of Flags". We will gladly accept stock donations. Those of you not happy with the performance of your investments can also help our cause by contributing stocks to benefit Flags for Greenwood. For help with this endeavor, please contact Sandy Daniels at the Johnson County Community Foundation at 738-2213.

We have also partnered with Wilson St. Pierre funeral homes. Any worn or tattered flags that need to be properly retired may be dropped off at any of the Greenwood Fire Stations, Wilson St. Pierre funeral home or Greenwood American Legion.

In closing we would like to thank the Betsy Girls for keeping our flags repaired, and Barry Inabnitt for overseeing the tasks of getting the flags installed and retired.

Special thanks to members of the Parks Department and an extra special thanks to members of the Street Department for not only helping Barry, but for an excellent job of clearing snow from our city streets.

With all the controversy surrounding Iraq, our flags continue to bring us blessings that we enjoy...the freedom that comes with living in the United States of America. We need to continue to keep our service men, women and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers.

If you have questions please contact John or Linda Gibson at 888-1603 or Dee Lane at 888-1401.